

## AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please rewrite the Abstract as follows:

An intervertebral implant ~~having a central axis (1) substantially parallel to or coaxial with the spinal column's longitudinal axis and~~ including: a central axis, ~~an~~ upper and ~~a~~ lower terminal parts ~~(2; 3)~~ and a convex joint element. ~~Each of the upper and lower terminal parts have an outermost surface (5; 6) configured transversely to the central axis (1).~~ Each of the terminal parts come to rest against the end surfaces of two adjacent vertebrae and opposite first and second concave inner surfaces ~~(7; 8)~~, respectively. The convex joint element ~~(4)~~ is situated between the terminal parts ~~(2; 3)~~ and rests in a sliding manner against the first and second concave inner surfaces ~~(7; 8)~~ of the two terminal parts ~~(2; 3)~~. The, first concave surface ~~(7)~~ is a partial surface of a first rotationally symmetrical external surface ~~(11)~~ about the axis of rotation ~~(12)~~ transverse to the central axis ~~(1)~~. The second concave inner surface ~~(8)~~ of a second rotationally symmetrical conical external surface ~~(16)~~ about the axis of rotation ~~(14)~~ transverse to the central axis ~~(1)~~.